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SUBJ: MINORITY OIL MARKETING PROPOSAL: JAMES SMITH

REF: LAGOS 7878

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED ENCOURAGINGLY FRIENDLY LETTER FROM MINPETROLEUM PERMSEC AWONIYI, DATED JULY 29, ON BEHALF OF COMMISSIONER BUHARI. AFTER EXPRESSING THANKS FOR OUR EFFORTS TO BRING MR. SMITH'S PROPOSAL TO MINISTRY'S ATTENTION, AWONIYI STATED HIS "REGRET" THAT HE COULD NOT EARLIER.

2. REST OF TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. I SHOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INFORMING MR. SMITH THAT I DEEPLY TOUCHED AND VERY QPPRECIATE OF HIS GOODWILL FOR THIS COUNTRY AND ITS FUTURE PROGRESS. I REGRET THAT WE HAVE NO CRUDE OIL TO SELL, ALL MY EQUITY SHARE OF NIGERIAN CRUDE OIL IS COMMITTED TO BUYERS ON LONG TERM AGREEMENTS. I AM THEREFORE NOT IN A POSITION TO MEET MR. SMITH'S REQUEST NOW. WE SHALL HOWEVER KEEP HIS REQUEST IN MIND, SHOULD THERE BE ANY INCREASE IN PRODUCTION.

3. IN COURSE OF OUR FUTURE NORMAL CONTACTS WITH MINISTRY, WE WILL STAY ALERT TO ANY CHANGE IN SITUATION IN ORDER TO HELP MR. SMITH.  
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